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In said Election, Group II invention was elected along with Species E of Fig. 14. Claims 4-13, 18-19, 21-24, 32-42, 44-46, 51-71 and 74-76 were indicated as readable thereon.

However the status of independent claim 31 is unclear. Applicant is requested to confirm whether or not independent claim 31 was elected.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard T. Elms can be reached on (571) 272-1869. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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